

TIMELY TOPICS AMONG LOCAL AND OUT-OF-TOWN SPORTS

WADDELL IS SOLD
TO THE BROWNS;
ATHLETICS GLADOther Members of Team
Tired of His Antics.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—"Rube" Waddell, who assisted the Athletics to win two pennants and who has been one of Connie Mack's mainstays in the box since 1922, will be found in a St. Louis uniform or in an outland league next summer.

A deal which has been on for some time was completed yesterday afternoon, when Manager McAleer, of the Browns, arrived in town and took "Rube" off Connie's hands. It was given out that "Rube" was sold outright, but the chances are that he was transferred to St. Louis without any money consideration.

"Rube" was forced out of the club by the other players, who had grown tired of his crazy antics. It was pointed out to the manager last fall that if he wanted harmony in the club during the season of 1936 he would have to get rid of Waddell.

Wonderful Pitcher.

Waddell is without doubt the most unique character in major league baseball today. He is a "bug" of the original type. He is and always has been a hard man to manage, not only because of his habits, but on account of his eccentric temperament. Connie Mack succeeded in getting better results out of Waddell than any other manager under whom the big left-hander ever worked. Mack knew his nature, because he made it a study, and always knew when to humor him and when to deal with him harshly. So successful did he divine his different moods that the Athletics won two pennants, principally through the great work of Waddell in the box.

As a pitcher Waddell has had few equals so far as physical prowess is considered. Had he been what is known as a "brainy" pitcher, a man who studied the weaknesses of the opposing batsmen, his effectiveness would have been increased tenfold. But he always depended upon his catcher to size up the batsman and give the signals.

Best of Left-Handers.

In his best days Waddell never had an equal as a left-handed pitcher, those who nearly approached him having been Tom Ramsey, of the Louisville club, and The Breitenstein, of the famous St. Louis Browns. As a pitcher, eliminating consideration of his being a left-handed twirler, Waddell will always stand with Ferguson, Radbourne, Buffington, Galvin, Clarkson, McBride, Spalding, Keefe and others who stand out prominently among the greatest products of the pitching skill. Waddell first attracted national attention as a pitcher with the Louisville club in 1920. Later he was with Connie Mack in Milwaukee. Subsequently he pitched for the Pittsburgh and Chicago National League clubs, jumping the latter to play on the American League side. Waddell pitched for two years. In about mid-season of 1932, when the Athletics were playing good ball and were up among the leaders, Manager Mack was in sore need of a pitcher on whom he could depend. Mack was anxious to win the pennant, the second in the American League history.

Won Pennant for Mack.

Perhaps the greatest coup Mack ever made was when he induced Waddell to leave the Pacific coast and join his team in this city. From the day Waddell joined the team the championship was assured. The big fellow pitched remarkable ball from the start. He was worked hard and often, but never showed any sign of the severe strain. The Athletics won the championship with a record of eighty-three victories and fifty-three defeats, netting a percentage of .610. The club was in St. Louis, with a record of seventy-eight victories and fifty-eight defeats, giving them a percentage of .574.

Waddell continued to pitch fine ball for Mack for the next three years, his work being an important factor in landing the team second in 1933 and first in 1934 and second last year. But with all his skilled performances in the box Waddell was so erratic in deportment that Mack never knew whether to depend on him. This was unfortunately illustrated in the world's championship series in 1935, when Waddell was precluded from pitching because of the game because of an incapacitation incurred in one of his larks.

Last year he was worse than ever, and Mack threatened to trade him on several occasions. His conduct was far from beneficial to the morale of the team, and for this reason, perhaps, more than any other, Manager Mack decided to sell his release to the St. Louis club.

TIGERS ANNOUNCE
TRACK SCHEDULE

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 8.—The management of the Princeton track team has arranged an unusually long schedule.

Special attention is paid to the preliminary season, the management aiming to develop new men. Only four of last year's tracksters are expected to be in college. Whitley, a long-distance runner, is the most promising of the new men.

The Princeton track team schedule is: February 22—Indoor games of First Regiment, Philadelphia.

February 23—Indoor games, Trenton Y. M. C. A., at Trenton.

March 7—Indoor games, Georgetown, at Washington.

March 10—Indoor games at N. Y. A. C., New York.

March 25—Annual indoor handicap games at Princeton.

April 25—Pennsylvania relay meet, at Philadelphia.

April 29—Annual Caledonian games, at Princeton.

May 9—Dual meet with Yale, at New Haven.

May 16—Dual meet with Cornell, at Princeton.

May 22—Dual meet with Columbia, at New York.

May 29—Thirty-third annual intercollegiate meet.

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C. D. JACOBSON,

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WARD AND CROWLEY
FORFEITS POSTED

Put Up Money to Go Six
Rounds in Balti-
more.

Real money, at last! Nay, gentle reader, it is not a figment of an overheated imagination when it is stated that two Washington boxers have actually put up current coin of the commonwealth as guarantees that they will engage in fistbouts on a given date. It is a fact. Tommy Ward and Eddie Crowley have posted forfeits to contend six rounds before Al Herford's club in Baltimore on next Friday night as the semi-windup to the bout between Willie Fitzgerald and Fred Landers.

Ward came to the front when Bobby Baker preferred wrestling to boxing and flashed enough filthy lucre to warrant him being accepted as a substitute.

The men have made their deposits to battle six rounds, to a decision, fight one arm free until ordered to break by the referee, then to step back cleanly. They will clash at catchweights, and will weigh about 135 pounds.

Ward has been boxing around Philadelphia since last winter, and has a number of good bouts to his credit. His best performances were as follows: May 25, 1935—Pekase, Pa., won from Jimmy Casey, of Philadelphia, in sixth round by knockout.

June 6, 1935—Newspaper decision, six rounds, over Joe Pronty, Philadelphia.

July 4, 1935—Draw; Jack McGurgan, six rounds, Philadelphia.

July 11, 1935—Knocked out Jack McKinsey, third round, Philadelphia.

July 25, 1935—Lost newspaper decision to Tommy Love, six rounds, Philadelphia.

—Photo by Harrie-Ewing.

ODDS ON BURNS
CAUSE BETTING

Some Englishmen Accept-
ing 2-1-2 to 1 Against
Palmer.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Considerable interest is being taken in the fight Monday night between Jack Palmer and Tommy Burns, and if there is no hitch Wonder-land will be packed to its capacity. It is a fact that both men are in the best of shape, and ready to put up the battle of their lives.

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Purvis is just as confident of beating Palmer as he was of putting Moir away, and yesterday told a close friend to bet all he has that the Newcastle man would not last the scheduled twenty rounds.

TIGERS MAY DROP
ITHACA CONTEST

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 8.—Princeton may drop Cornell from her football schedule, taking on Dartmouth in the place of the Ithaca team.

Cornell wanted the games next fall to be played at Ithaca, where the Tigers insisted on Princeton or New York. It is understood that Dartmouth will surely be the team substituted for Cornell if any change is made.

The Tiger schedule is still a mystery and some think the negotiations with Harvard are still going on. Pennsylvania is thought to be out of the question. There was surprise when it was learned that Swarthmore had secured a game with the Tigers.

BOWLING TOURNEY
OPENS TONIGHT

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8.—The eighth annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress will be inaugurated tonight when President Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati, will throw the first ball down the alleys. The sphere he is to use is the silver ball that was presented to him by W. Y. Thompson, of Chicago.

During the first days of the tourney the alleys will be occupied by local bowlers, who have consented to the early dates in order to get alleys in good shape for the out-of-town visitors, who are not expected in any great numbers until next week.

MILITARY TACTICS.

"Hello, kumel," said the native. "You have a good many kumels in this section," sneered the cynical stranger.

"But that fellow comes by his title honestly. He drills oil wells," "Ex-change."

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OLYMPIC
REGATTA
RULINGS

Mechanics and Artisans
Classed With Profes-
sional Athletes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Any person "who is or has been by trade or employment for wages a mechanic, artisan, or laborer, or engaged in any manual duty, or who has been employed in or about boats or in manual labor for money or wages" is barred from rowing on a crew in the regatta next summer at the Olympic games in England, even if he is an American.

This is in substance the announcement issued yesterday by Julian Curtiss, who with James Pilkington formed the special committee on rowing of the American Olympic games. It is contained in a lengthy statement regarding the conditions under which the rowing races will be contested.

The inclusion of these qualifications, although in a great measure expected, will come as a sort of shock to many American oarsmen since the official announcement. It shows that the American committee has bowed to the will of the British in this matter, for the English believe that only "gentlemen" should compete in athletics. If by any chance the American committee should choose as a member of the Olympic crew a man who at some time or other during his life had to play a trade for a living he can be promptly protested by the Englishmen.

The ruling in regard to the personal qualifications of foreign entrants is: Workmen Barred.

"Entries must be accompanied by a declaration in writing by the secretary or a responsible official of the rowing association or committee of the country, vouching for the secretary or a responsible official of the Olympic council of the country, as to each person so entering, to the effect that he:

"(a) Has never rowed or steered in any race for a stake, money or entrance fee.

"(b) Has never knowingly rowed or steered with or against a professional for a prize.

"(c) Has never taught, pursued, or assisted in the practice of athletic exercises of any kind for profit.

"(d) Has never been employed in or about boats or in manual labor for money or wages.

"(e) Is not and never has been by trade or employment for wages a mechanic, artisan or laborer, or engaged in any manual duty.

"(f) Is not disqualified as an amateur in any other branch of sport.

All expenses of the crews or scullers shall be paid by the crews or scullers themselves or by the club or clubs making the original entry, but it shall be open to bona fide members of the club to contribute to the club funds for the above purpose. It shall also be permissible for clubs entering competitors for the regatta to receive from the governments of their respective countries grants of money in aid of the expenses of the crews or scullers representing them, but such grants shall only be applicable for the actual journey expenses of the men and boats, and for no other purpose.

It is the desire of the American committee that the clubs and prospective candidates give these rules careful investigation, as it is the purpose of the committee to comply with these rules in every particular.

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The Bloomingdale senior team which will run in the intermediate championship will be chosen from Farmer, White, Worley, and Stecher. Harnett, and Nichols.

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WRESTLERS SHOW
FORM IN TRIALS

National Guard Tournament
Promises Some Fast
Bouts.

Several fast bouts were pulled off in the preliminaries of the National Guard wrestling tourney last evening at the guard gymnasium.

From the class shown last evening the finals on Wednesday evening will bring forth some interesting exhibitions. The number of wrestlers who came on for the trials passed all expectations. The interest being taken in the contest was shown by the crowd that came out last evening and forerunners of a record-breaking attendance next Wednesday evening.

Accommodations have been made for ladies at the finals, and music will enliven the intermissions. Frank Lockhead, Vic Herron, and Jack Conrad showed form yesterday and should put up classy bouts. Tom Williams, of Gallaudet, and Nick Ross, of the National Guard, will go on for the windup.

The Summaries.

The result of the bouts last evening follows:

Passenon, N. G. A. A., drew with Mayhew, N. G. A. A., in six-minute bout at 125 pounds.

Street, N. G. A. A., won from Parker, Y. M. C. A., in 4:20 at 125 pounds.

Foley, Memorial A. C., won from Buntz, N. G. A. A., in 4 minutes, at 125 pounds.

Passenon, N. G. A. A., won from Stull, N. G. A. A., in 3 minutes, at 125 pounds.

Holiday, Gallaudet, and Mayhew, Y. M. C. A., 135 pounds, draw.

Herron, N. G. A. A., and Lockhead, N. G. A. A., 135 pounds, draw.

Friell, Memorial A. C., and Gardner, G. A. A., 145 pounds, draw.

Conrad, Y. M. C. A., won from Fritz, unattached, in 2 minutes, in 150-pound class.

Messrs. Joe Turner and Nick Ross refereed the bouts, and E. Clark acted as timekeeper.

The following men have been matched for the finals Wednesday:

Taylor, N. G. A. A., and Deekert, N. G. A. A., 125 pounds.

Russell, N. G. A. A., and Goucher, M. A. C., 125 pounds.

Passenon, N. G. A. A., and Darden, N. G. A. A., 125 pounds.

Foley, M. A. C., and Dishner, N. G. A. A., 125 pounds.

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F. Sockland, N. G.